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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Request for Reconsideration ( 3 pages).

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED  
TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL  
OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS  
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Respectfully submitted,

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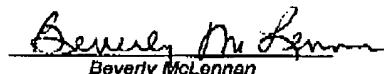
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 21, 2004, applicant presents the following remarks.